

Thanks to David, Burridge has a refurbished village hall

BURRIDGE and parts of Whiteley near to Burridge will soon have access to a badly needed new facility - the Burridge Village Hall.

Councillor David Swanbrow has been instrumental in getting the centre up and running.

It is within walking distance of parts of Whiteley and many people may prefer to walk to the centre rather than drive.

The building, which was used by Burridge Social and Sports Club for many years, has now been fully refurbished and will provide a much needed venue for Burridge, Whiteley and the Sarisbury Ward in general.

One of David's major concerns was to see that the previous tenants were treated fairly and equitably when their lease expired, and getting an agreement satisfactory to all parties delayed the start of the refurbishment for some months.

Despite this, the building should be ready on schedule.

David, who has been leading the refurbishment programme, says:

"As Fareham Borough Council's representative at Sarisbury Parish Rooms I know that there is a shortage of good venues in this area.

"This super new facility will help to address this shortfall.

"I will be Fareham Borough Council's representative on the committee managing this new centre also."

David has not just been involved with the improvements to the building.



Action stations: David Swanbrow meets officers from the Borough Council and Burridge Village Hall committee to discuss final plans for the long-overdue refurbishment of this focal point for the local community.

Last year, he got a barrier erected to prevent car transporters from using the car park for loading and unloading and so damaging the surface and has made sure that it has been resurfaced ready for when the hall opens.

The changing rooms attached to the building will also be refurbished as will the tennis courts if a local tennis club takes them over.

If not the fence will be replaced and the gate left unlocked so that people can just

turn up and use them without making a booking.

The new Burridge Community Association has already held its first meetings and appointed a chairman, secretary, treasurer and bookings secretary. David's wife, Jane, has offered to be a co-opted member of the committee for a short time.

Her experience as bookings secretary at Sarisbury Parish Rooms will be invaluable for the first few months of operation.

LATE NEWS: Government bows to local pressure over Swanwick Marina plan

CONSERVATIVE councillors have won a battle with Whitehall over who should determine a local planning application.

In the recent Sarisbury edition of *In Touch* we reported that the

Secretary of State was calling in the redevelopment plan for Swanwick Marina.

Intense pressure from ward Councillors David Swanbrow and Seán Woodward forced a U-turn and Fareham planners

will now proceed.

David Swanbrow said: "Calling on the Secretary of State to make a judgement best made by people who know the area seemed ridiculous, especially as all the statutory bodies were sat-

isfied with the proposal and after the most widespread consultation by the owners, there was overwhelming popular support.

"For once, local democracy has triumphed and the development can go ahead as planned."



A record of ACTION, a promise of MORE

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Dear Elector,

I am writing to you to ask you to support me at the local election which is being held this year on May 1st. I was elected 6 years ago as a Councillor for Sarisbury Ward comprising Burrridge, Sarisbury, Swanwick, Lower Swanwick and Whiteley.

Since being elected I have served on various committees and chaired both the Planning and Transportation Review Panel and the Planning Development Control Committee. I have been concerned to prevent over development in the ward as much as possible whilst keeping within the overriding controls imposed by central government.

I have, however, been conscious of the need for more affordable housing for our young people who currently find it difficult to find homes. In my current role as Executive Member for Planning and Transportation I am heavily involved in producing an equitable solution for the Coldeast site and have made sure that everyone living near the site has had an opportunity to comment on the various options before the preparation of a draft development brief.

My priority will be to preserve the major part of the site that is countryside and to prevent further development without the provision of the necessary infrastructure. Part of that infrastructure should be a community hospital on the site with both diagnostic and treatment facilities.

I am concerned about road safety issues and together with Cllr. Seán Woodward have managed to introduce a number of traffic calming measures throughout the ward. I will continue to lobby for the completion of Whiteley Way which will subsequently allow other roads to be opened into Whiteley and working to ensure good and improved bus services to Whiteley via the Yew Tree Drive bus link.

As Chair of Governors at Sarisbury Infant School in 2003 I headed a team of parents, staff and governors producing a School Travel Plan. This incorporated measures including Safer Routes to School and Green Travel Plans, which encouraged more children to walk to school and reduced some of the dangerous congestion at peak travel times outside the school which was much appreciated by local residents.

Recently, still as a governor, I chaired a small group of governors who updated the plan and this was sent to Hampshire County Council in November last year.

Having been involved with education as a school governor I am very concerned to ensure that there are sufficient places in good schools for our children of whatever age. I feel strongly that every child is special and should be encouraged to develop their talents to the best of their ability. I will continue to press Hampshire County Council for the provision of adequate schools for our children, especially in Whiteley.

I will continue to work closely with local residents' associations and work hard to ensure that the refurbished Burrridge Village Hall is a success. I will continue work with Councillor Seán Woodward to publish the *In Touch* Newsletter, now in its 23rd year and Sarisbury's only local Newsletter. If you elect me I promise to continue to fight on your behalf to preserve and improve the Ward we all share.

Yours sincerely

David Swanbrow

On Thursday, May 1 please vote for

COUNCILLOR DAVID SWANBROW

Polling stations open 7am – 10pm



Dedicated councillor works tirelessly on behalf of the Sarisbury community

DAVID SWANBROW has lived in Sarisbury for 24 years.

He and his wife, Jane, have two grown up daughters and two grandchildren born in 1999 and 2002.

Now retired from full-time work, he has worked for IBM, a charitable trust working with disadvantaged children and also run his own yacht delivery and skippering company.

He is a keen sailor and is currently helping with a project which is sailing the yacht Lively Lady around the world 40 years after Sir Alec Rose did so single handed.

David has been involved in many local organisations both working with Sarisbury and the County, and is a past chairman of Sarisbury Residents' Association.

He has been Chairman of Planning Development Control for Fareham Council and chairs a committee which is formulating the replacement for the current local plan, as well as being the executive member responsible for planning and transportation.

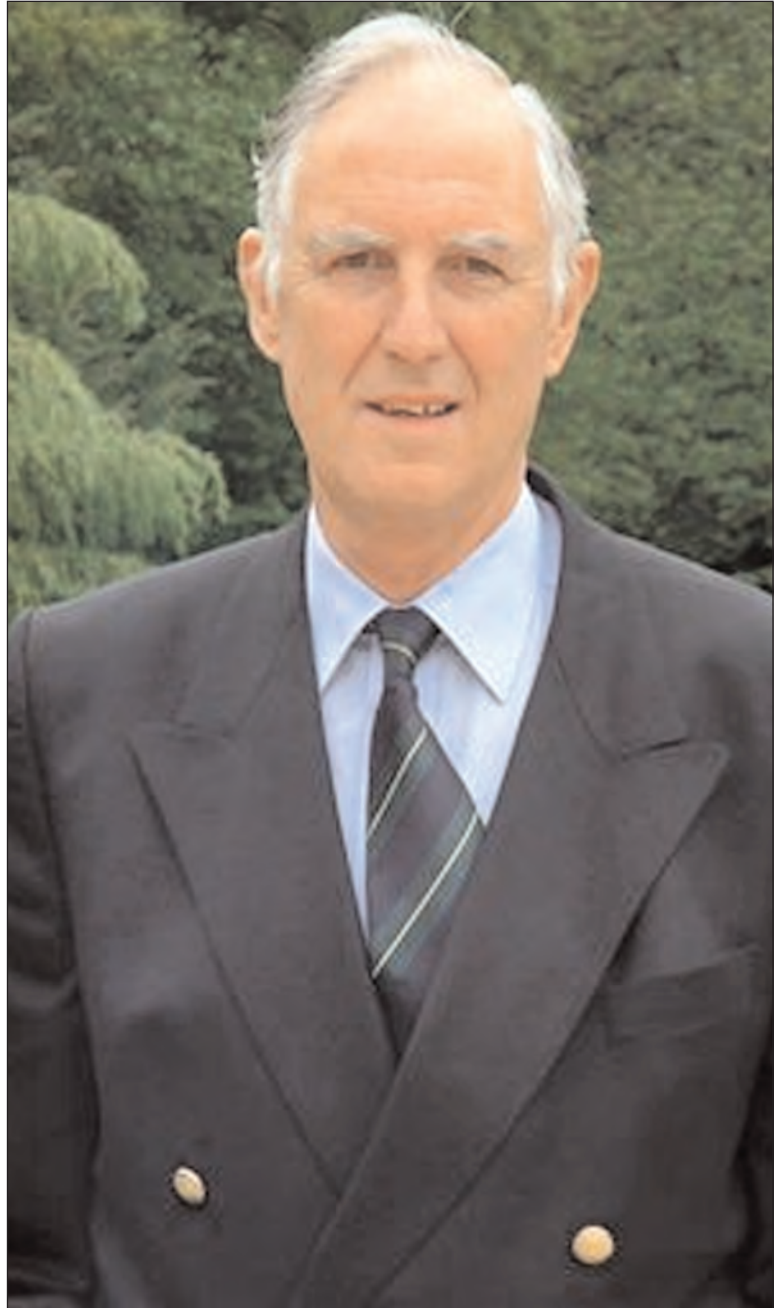
He is a member of the Friends of Holly Hill Woodland Park and has served 8 years as a governor of Sarisbury Infant School.

His wife, Jane, is a trustee and secretary of Sarisbury Parish Rooms and David is Fareham Borough Council's representative on that body.

He helps out with maintenance at the Parish Rooms when time permits.

He is also FBC's representative at the newly refurbished Burrigge Village Hall.

David and Jane served as Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham in 2004/5.



David Swanbrow: Forget the formal collar and tie, this councillor is **always** ready to roll up his sleeves and get his hands dirty when it comes to helping community projects.

David is **always** available for his constituents

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Council leader praises David's 'unstinting efforts'

A message from Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader, Fareham Borough Council

"IT GIVES me great pleasure to commend David Swanbrow to you for re-election to Fareham Borough Council.

"I believe that he has already done sterling work on your behalf during his years as your Councillor and as Editor of InTouch.

"He has been unstinting in his efforts on behalf of you, the res-

idents, as anyone who has ever taken a problem to him will know. I am delighted that he has agreed to seek re-election.

"I hope that you will **VOTE SWANBROW** on Thursday, May 1 and support the only candidate with the proven ability to represent you effectively.

Seán Woodward



Out and about with David Swanbrow

Caring for the environment



Woodsmen: When it comes to sorting out the wood from the trees, David is the right man for the job. Here he's working with volunteers in Holly Hill Woodland Park.

He came, he saw but...



...this time he didn't 'conker' and it was girl power that triumphed at the annual conker championship in Holly Hill Woodland Park, won by Charlotte Broomer.

Road safety

Parish hall roof repairs



Up a ladder: David rolls up his sleeves to help repair the roof at Sarisbury Parish Rooms.



Snail's pace: David has been backing the '20 is Plenty' campaign to get drivers to cut their speed near schools. He wants Hampshire Highways to enforce 20mph limits during school hours. "One accident involving a child is too many," he says.

Planning safer travel to school



Heads together: David meets governors of Sarisbury Infant School to discuss updating the school's travel plan, the aim of which is to promote safer journeys for pupils and to encourage parents to walk instead of using their cars - measures that have proved popular with local residents.